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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 98-083-7]

Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the Mediterranean fruit fly regulations by removing the quarantined area in Orange County, CA, from the list of quarantined areas. The quarantine was necessary to prevent the spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly to noninfested areas of the United States. We have determined that the Mediterranean fruit fly has been eradicated from this area and that restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area are no longer necessary. This action relieves unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area. As a result of the interim rule, there are no longer any areas in the continental United States quarantined because of the Mediterranean fruit fly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule became effective on August 27, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective August 27, 1999, and published in the **Federal**

Register on September 3, 1999 (64 FR 48245-48246, Docket No. 98-083-6), we amended the Mediterranean fruit fly regulations (contained in 7 CFR 301.78 through 301.78-10) by removing the quarantined area in Orange County, CA, from the list of quarantined areas in § 301.78-3(c). That action relieved unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area. As a result of that action, there are no longer any areas in the continental United States quarantined because of the Mediterranean fruit fly.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before November 2, 1999. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR part 301 and that was published at 64 FR 48245-48246 on September 3, 1999.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164-167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of November 1999.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-ANE-19-AD; Amendment 39-11422; AD 99-23-26]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF34 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to General Electric Aircraft Engines (GE) CF34 series turbofan engines, that currently requires installation of a main fuel control (MFC) that incorporates a flange vent groove and installation of an MFC with improved overspeed protection. This amendment requires replacement of Buna-N O-rings with Viton O-rings or a new location of the vent groove on the MFC mounting flange, or installation of an MFC with improved overspeed protection. This amendment is prompted by the determination that the location of the reworked vent groove was ineffective, and that replacement of Buna-N preformed packings with Viton preformed packings will alleviate the unsafe condition. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent uncommanded engine accelerations, which could result in an engine overspeed, uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane.

DATES: Effective December 6, 1999.

The incorporation by reference of GE Alert Service Bulletins (ASB's) No. A73-33, dated November 21, 1997; A73-33, Revision 1, dated May 29, 1998; and A73-19, Revision 1, dated February 20, 1998, was approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 27, 1999.

The incorporation by reference of GE ASB No. CF34AL 73-A0025, dated July 7, 1999; CF34BJ 73-A0040, dated July 7, 1999; CF34AL S/B 73-0026, dated August 12, 1999; and CF34BJ S/B 73-0041, dated August 12, 1999, is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 6, 1999.